

Music and Drama

The Boston Lyric Opera Company.

The company principals and chorus have been hard at work this week rehearsing for *Faust* and *La Somnambula*.

The reappearance of Annis Montague Turner in the role of Marguerite has created considerable interest in musical circles. Mr. Parmlee is to sing *Faust* and Mr. Kunkel *Mephisto* with Miss Leekly as *Siebel*.

I heard a rumor that Signor Hallam was going to sing or rather attempt to sing *Faust* but later news was more reassuring. Mr. Parmlee should sing the role extremely well. Mr. Kunkel has his first opportunity in serious work and rehearsals seem to forecast a success. He is singing his diabolical role well, and will handle it dramatically. Miss Leekly should prove a success in *Siebel*. She has one advantage over M^{me}. Scalchi, her figure. M^{me}. Scalchi despite her magnificent rendition used to be somewhat laughable with her stoutness and her waddle, looking anything but the love sick serenader.

Some absolutely new costumes are being made for the principals. This will make a nice change.

The Orpheum.

The house was jammed and packed on Monday to see the coons. The performance was of course slightly amateurish but there were some good voices and clever story tellers, while the colored gentleman in the rainbow cotton tights was an agreeable surprise with his wire walking and contortionistic feats. The plague scare knocked the interest out of amusement lovers and the house closed for the week. Elaborate rehearsals have been going forward for to night and Mr. Curtis will open with a thoroughly rehearsed company. New scenery is also going forward. The house has been thoroughly disinfected since the Health Inspector's visit on Tuesday evening and thing should boom next week.

Harry Corson Clarke has made a decided hit in Los Angeles, crowding the Barbanc nightly. The newspapers mark him as "a comedian of infinite jest" an artist who "produces his effects by legitimate methods."

Mr. Clarke intended visiting Honolulu this season, but ill health barred the work demanded in producing a repertoire. Next September however will probably see the popular comedian in our midst.

A Discovery.

Dr. Carter, of Waikane, has discovered, by scientific analysis, that the milk of the water

buffalo cow is entirely free from injurious elements. One important fact is that this species never has tuberculosis. He has two cows that give 16 quarts each per day. This milk contains a larger percentage of fatty substance than that of the ordinary cow, and it can be made into excellent butter. The country has the Chinaman to thank for the introduction of the water buffalo, which can now be put to another use besides that of working in the rice fields. The Doctor has also interested himself in the manufacture of kukui-nut oil, which is a superior lubricant. He has already put the industry on a paying basis. Cream of peppers is another product of his farm, and makes a valuable table condiment.

Among Uncle Sam's fighters in the Philippines is a Philadelphia boy, who is a private in Company H, Fourteenth Infantry. He joined his regiment as a recruit two or three months ago, and has since undergone several baptisms of fire. As the orthography of the following extracts of a recent letter to a relative will indicate, the soldier has not very far advanced in educational acquirements, but whatever is lacking in that respect he makes up in patriotism: "We had a scrap from the

2 of this month & it lasted unto the 5 day. We lost one Captan and Copeil & one man lost his arm and the other was shot write bad & a man was shot in the Legg, it isent very Bad. The Bullets was comin to hot for me I thought I wasns gone to get off that scrap. I shot my gunn so much that the Barl was so hot I could not hole it. Their was a nigger in a house everlasting shuten at me. Then they was 30,000 niggers in a church, we killd about 300 in the church. A nigger officer was shuten at me from a tree and I took gold ame and the 3 shot I killed him so I got the soard off him & the sholders strap. I m gone to keep them to Rember the first Batle I was in."—*Philadelphia Record*.

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